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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

#18
4-15-04

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: M. Wallerson
MASAHIKO MURATA et al.)
: Group Art Unit: 2626
Application No.: 09/443,115)
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Filed: November 18, 1999)
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING)
: APPARATUS AND METHOD)
: AND COMPUTER PROGRAM)
: PRODUCT)
: April 5, 2004

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated November 19, 2003 for two months from February 19, 2004 to April 19, 2004.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$420.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael K. Scinto", written over a horizontal line.

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